Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A system reporting tool is provided for rapidly generating a generates linked sets of drill-down-enabled reports of increasing levels of detail from a relational one or more databases. The reporting tool permits a client to define the Linking linking relationships between reports are defined using the simple-query language of the databases. commands to generate a Result result sets are obtained that includes (1) the sought-after data, and (2) metadata that identifies drill-down reports to be generated if related report elements are selected. When the query is executed, the The reporting tool system passes the elientdefined queries to a database engine, which returns a result set containing both the sought-after data and any metadata. The reporting tool then parses the result set for any metadata containing drill-down directives. The reporting tool then passes the soughtafter data to a reporting application programming interface, which generates a report the pre-selected graphical representation (e.g., a pie chart, 3-D bar chart, cross-tabbed table) of the sought-after data, in a hypertext format. If an end-user selects one of the report elements (e.g., pie slice, 3-D bar, cell a bar on the chart), the of the graphical object, the application programming interface reports the event to the reporting tool. The reporting tool system maps the reported event to the associated data of the result set. If the associated data has corresponding meta-data containing a and the corresponding drilldown directive, the system if any. The reporting tool then generates invokes the report identified by the drill-down directive, using any parameters provided by the drill-down directive, in order to generate another result set and corresponding drill-down report.